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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM :

Director, Office of External Affairs

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SUBJECT : Request for Interview from Lance Gay, Scripps-Howard Newspapers

1. Action Requested: Decline or accept request for interview by Lance Gay of Scripps-Howard news service.

2. Background:

a. Lance C. Gay, a reporter for Scripps-Howard Newspapers has requested an hour interview with you. Mr. Gay would like to discuss Soviet military power--including CIA methodology for determining military weapons production, quality of Soviet weaponry--as well as Soviet operations in Afghanistan. Mr. Gay also wishes to write about why CIA "is expanding" its staff and building a new addition at Headquarters.

b. Scripps-Howard Newspaper is a Washington-based news service which serves 60 daily newspapers around the country. Mr. Gay is their reporter for military affairs. He does not normally cover intelligence.

3. Recommendation: None. Indicate whether you wish to decline or accept this interview and authorize Public Affairs to respond in your behalf.

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ACCEPT THE INTERVIEW:

Director of Central Intelligence (Date)

DECLINE THE INTERVIEW:

/s/ William J. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence (Date)

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